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Applicants also provide an English translation of the portions of the Notice that discuss JP 2002-000947 and the document by Hashimoto.

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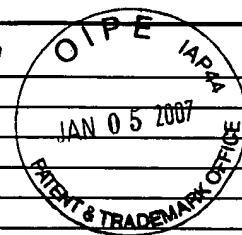
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